

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # NE-B-83
Nelson County

1. Name of Resource:
Nelson County Jail

2. Original Owner:
Nelson County Court

3. Other Names:

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
111 West Stephen Foster Street
Bardstown, Kentucky

6. Owner's Name:
Nelson County Court [L]

7. Owner's Address:
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004

8. Evaluation: [G]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark Local Landmark
Nat.Register HABS/HAER
Highway Marker KY Inventory
KY Landmark Certificate

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: []
Thematic Name: Early Stone Buildings []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Government [250]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

Only existing early stone jail in Kentucky
in excellent condition, still in use.

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14. History:

First building constructed ca. 1800, just
west of the town square, second building
added in 1874.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

16. Date:
Original Building 1800 [8]
Addition 1874 [6]

17. Style:
Federal [21]
Italianate [42]

18. Architect/Builder:
Not Known

19. No. of Stories: two plus attic [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: 3 rooms across rear,
entrance hall across front [00]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A.

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
Gable Not Original

23. Structural Material: Stone [S]

24. Exterior Material: Stone [S]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions

27. Special Features:
cells upstairs

28. Outbuildings: None [0]

29. Original Function: Jail [04C]

30. Present Use: Jail [04C]

31. Condition: Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes
No

33. Attach Photos: 31-36
Roll: 7/8 Photo Nos: 1-7 No. of Slides: X

34. Prepared by: Carolyn Murray-Wooley

35. Organization: Kentucky Heritage Council

36. Date: December 1983

37. New Survey Resurvey

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Bardstown</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>634900</u>	<u>4185530</u>	40. Coordi. Accuracy	[]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	---	-----	-----	D.	---	-----	-----
B.	---	-----	-----	E.	---	-----	-----
C.	---	-----	-----	F.	---	-----	-----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: _____ 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1/3 acre

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Attached

45. Description and House Plan:

Two-story, three-bay, dry-stone building—combination jailer's quarters and jail cells. Interior gable end chimney east end, interior chimney between two southwest rooms. Voussoirs above windows, square stone sills. Masonry in regular courses of unequal height, squared edges, tooled face, Flemish bond, steeple pointing; stone is Laurel Dolomite; building size ca. 36 x 56. Plan has transverse hall across front of building, three rooms across rear. U-stair at west end of hall, original windows first floor east gable end, three bays first floor, door in left bay, two bays second floor not aligned. Residential rooms have Federal woodwork, one shelf mantel, one breakfront with reeded corner blocks. Second floor plan the same, without fireplaces; rooms lined with 6 x 12 feet hewn planks.

To the rear of the first building is a five-bay, two-story, dry-stone jail building, built perpendicular to the first, 42 feet long, connected by a one story hyphen, and surrounded by a stone wall, providing exercise space for the prisoners. In this building, the stones are rough-faced (spalled) with square cut edges. Building has hipped roof, dentilled cornice of stone, and stone sills, headers, and jambs. Stones have holes as at MU-1, probably to accommodate a tool for lifting into place.

Small, two-story, shed roofed brick addition west of hyphen.

Buildings still in use as county jail and residence and office of jailer.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Multon County Jail Site # Mc 1283
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title _____

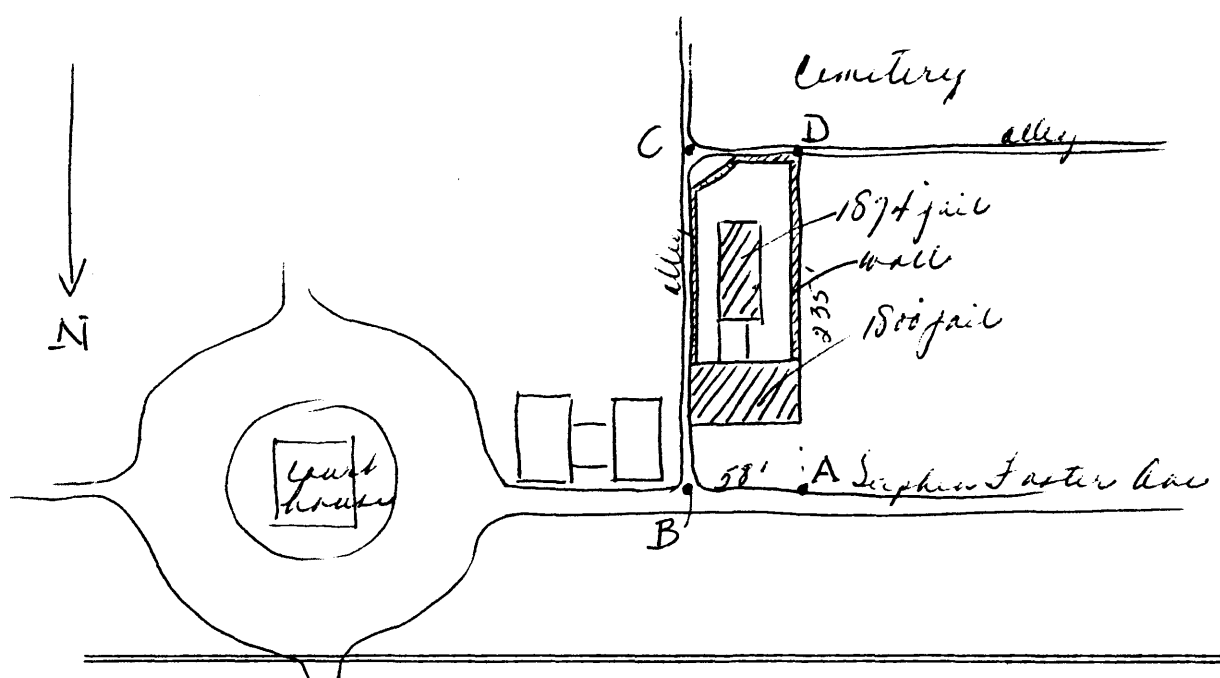
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 634900 4185530 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage 1/3 acre

Beginning at Stephen Foster Avenue on a line
w. the W. end of the stone building, thence ^{W. Street} 58 feet E
to B at the alley, thence w. alley 235 ft S to rear of
stone wall, to C, thence w rear of wall 58 ft W. to D,
thence parallel to B-C 235 ft N. to the beginning,
containing both jail buildings, the stone wall, and
front yard; the present property boundary
1 concrete structure, 2 concrete steps.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference: